

Civil Rights Commission

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Opportunity for civic-minded residents on King County Civil Rights Commission

King County residents interested in public service and raising community awareness and involvement in civil rights issues are invited to apply for one of three positions on the King County Civil Rights Commission. If selected and confirmed by the King County Council, commissioners serve three-year terms.

The Civil Rights Commission advises the County Executive and County Council on matters related to the County's civil rights programs and on human and civil rights issues. This includes reviewing and reporting on the effectiveness and progress of the county's affirmative action, non-discrimination enforcement, and minority/women business utilization programs, as well as educating the community about preventing and eliminating discrimination. In addition, the Commission is working to educate the community about the county's new Equity and Social Justice Ordinance.

The King County Civil Rights Commission is soliciting applications from individuals in the following County Council Districts:

- 4 Councilmember Phillips (Belltown, the Denny Triangle, South Lake Union, Eastlake, Uptown, Queen Anne, Interbay, Magnolia, Ballard, Crown Hill, and the western portions of Fremont, Phinney Ridge, Greenwood, Broadview, First Hill and Capitol Hill), and
- 5 Councilmember Patterson (SeaTac, Kent, De Moines, Renton, Tukwila, West Hill and Skyway).

There is also an At-large Commissioner position which is open to applicants from all nine Council Districts.

Commission members must reside within King County. If confirmed by the County Council, commissioners serve without pay. Residents from diverse ethnic and protected group backgrounds, including people with disabilities are encouraged to apply. All Commission members are bound by the County Code of Ethics and are required to complete a financial disclosure statement upon appointment and by April 15 of each succeeding year of service

Potential candidates should have interests and experience related to the goals of the Commission, live in the appropriate County Council District, and be able to commit 8-10 hours monthly to Commission meetings and work projects. This includes attending monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m., and participating in committee work, which can require additional meetings.

For more information on the Commission and its activities, please visit our webpage: www.kingcounty.gov/exec/CRC.aspx or contact Paula Harris-White, Administrator for Commission at 206-296-8610 or Paula.Harris-White@kingcounty.gov.

To locate your Council District, please visit: http://www5.kingcounty.gov/kcgisreports/KCClookup.aspx?ADDRESS .



